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Re: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mmes Dortch and Flannery:

The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to the Woodbury Telephone Company (Woodbury)¹ will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Woodbury has been certified pursuant to section 54.314 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for rural carriers receiving federal high cost support.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

Louise E. Rickard Acting Executive Secretary

¹ Woodbury has been assigned the study area code 132454 by the National Exchange Carrier Association.